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MORMON SENATOR.

Republicans Name Successor to Rawlins.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 14.—Apostle Reed Smoot has received the Republican caucus nomination for United States Senator.

Reed Smoot is one of the leaders of the Mormon church. He is in his fortieth year and is a native of Utah, having been born in Salt Lake. When a small boy he removed with his parents to Provo, Utah, where he has since resided. He is a graduate of the Brigham Young Academy. Preferring a business to a professional career he entered the Provo Co-operative Institution in 1880 and in eighteen months became its superintendent. In 1884 he resigned to become manager of the Provo Woolen Mills which he controls.

Smoot is interested in several private enterprises, among which is the Smoot drug store. He owns many sheep, is largely interested in banking houses and several big mercantile concerns. He is associated with Senators Kearns and Clark, Perry S. Heath, and others in the Salt Lake, San Pedro, and Los Angeles Railroad, and the construction company formed to construct the same.

He is prominent in Mormon church work, though not a Polygamist and has lately had a great hold on politics in Utah. He will succeed Joseph L. Rawlins, Democrat, as United States Senator from Utah.

Volcanoes And Sky Effects.

"The discovery of an order of luminous night clouds at a height above the earth so greatly exceeding anything which had ever been observed, even of the highest cirrus," says E. W. Maunder in Knowledge, "was remarkable enough. More remarkable still were their variations. For they were not by any means a permanent phenomenon, and diminished in frequency of appearance from the time of their first discovery. From 1885 to 1889 they were seen before midnight; later they could only be detected in the morning hours. Their movements were more interesting still and were such as might be caused if, though traveling with the earth, they were but light subject to its attraction and experienced some retardation as they traveled with it. From any point of view the existence of these clouds must be regarded as most remarkable. That clouds should exist at all at a height greater than the highest stratum to which we owe twilight, and that so existing they should be an occasional and variable phenomenon are entirely unexpected discoveries and still remain unexplained. Can it be that they are one of the by-products of the great volcanic eruption of Krakatoa in 1883? If so they may be looked for after any great series of volcanic outbursts, such as that which commenced with the destruction of St. Pierre in Martinique in May, 1902, even though these eruptions cannot compare in violence with that of Krakatoa. Three striking sky effects followed that great eruption in 1883. The first was comparatively restricted both as to area and time, and took the form of a remarkable coloration of both sun and moon. At Batavia, in Ceylon, at various places in India, the sun was seen to be blue or green—blue when at the zenith, changing through green and yellow to total obscurity near the horizon. A much more lasting effect was that which received the name of 'Bishop's ring,' having been first reported from Honolulu by Rev. S. E. Bishop. This ring was a remarkable species of halo to be seen on every fine day surrounding the sun from its rise to its setting, and even occasionally around the moon.—Sydney Herald.

Boers Greet Chamberlain.

Pretoria (Transvaal), January 6.—All doubts as to whether the Boers would participate in the entertainments given in honor of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain were dissipated by the appearance of Generals Botha, Delarey, Cronje and Smuts at the garden party given by the Governor yesterday. The attendance of the town Boers, however, was not large.

REAL POETRY.

"The Lay of the Last Minstrel" or "An Epitome of Current History."

The minstrel's tones were weak and old, But the booze it warmed him up; He would wink, when he wanted another drink, And he drained full many a cup.

Sang he, oh come and hear this lay, Of a jaytown, down by Hilo bay, No minstrel of old, could better unfold, The wonderful tale, I would say.

For it's not of Dole so weak, or Coop's most monstrous cheek, And voracious craze for office, I would bawl; The truth is, I am vexed, for now that we're annexed, This Uncle Sam, he wants to hog it all.

Ye Gods, where will we be, when the heathen John Chinsee, Whom we want to work on sugar cane plantation; Shall be made to stay away—and our crops no longer pay, Through restriction laws on Coolie immigration.

We've no use for Porto Reek—and the Gooses make us sick, And the Nigger causes constant irritation; The Pake and the Jap are best labor by far, And what is left over will do for Olaa, For sugar it is our salvation.

No Caucasians need apply, their ambitions aim too high, We want legislation solely for the planter; This homestead talk is rot, for the public lands we've got, This Lochenstein, he should be killed instantly.

So by passing legislation, for our forest preservation, Then these public lands are tied up, don't you see; Senator Burton is a crank, and Mitchell—well—he drank, And so, no U. S. Laws or County Bill for me.

All public office we have filled, since the monarchy we killed, And the natives we have ruled with iron hand, That it really makes me sick, to lose the jobs we held, so quick, When decentralizing measures rule the land.

The minstrel merely whispered now—how weak he was with pain, And so to hear more of his lay, they set 'em up again, His throat much like a sieve it was, the way the booze slipped down, And then once more he started in to sing of Hilo town.

The shades of night were falling fast, When through the Court House grounds there passed, A jay, who said, with many a scowl, You bet, but I'll make George Duncker howl.

Oh stay! sweet ulaa said—and winked But the virtuous youth, he merely blinked, 'Twas the red haired Czar, intent on gore, As he entered Fiat Justicias' door.

There was Homer Ross and the Hackfeld force, and lawyers by the score, The hall was packed from stem to stern, there wasn't room for more; There was silence in the Courtroom; there was stillness as of death, A donkey then began to bray, and the people held their breath.

When jumped the Sheriff to his feet, cried he, ye varlets, hear! Your bellies shall no longer swill with sour larger beer; If Dunck was drunk, then drunk was Dunck, it really doesn't matter, Perhaps the former was the case, perhaps it was the latter.

Then Homer Ross, with great big words, did put up quite a talk, And he did say, that he did think Czar Andrews was a gawk; So that the judge turned Duncker loose—feared he the Sheriff's frown, Nay, nay, Pauline, and George, once more, roams free in Hilo town.

From Papaikou, they 'phoned to know, just who it was, was drunker; Some thought 't was L. A. Andrews, some dreamt 't was Geo. H. Duncker, But why this row, the case is pau, abandon all contention, Because at last we know the cause for all of this dissension.

The trouble is, that now and then, we find some silly clown, Or refugee from justice, who strikes this blooming town; He always seeks some office, makes slanders without number, And knives each honest man he meets, this bilk, he does, by thunder

Know ye the curs that snap at heels, that stab at reputation, Go, find them friends, within this town of motley population; The leopard, he, may change his spots, not so the guilty masker, The records always find the trail from Australia to Alaska.

VALEDICTORY.

The minstrel's song is ended, he twangs the harp no more, Forever hushed, the dulcet tones of Hilo's troubadour; But the moral in the nonsense, remember this alone, That people in glass houses, should never throw a stone.

Sloggett Resigned.

Honolulu, Jan. 14.—Dr. H. C. Sloggett has sent his resignation to Governor Dole as a member of the Board of Health, and his successor will probably be appointed within a few days. Dr. W. H. Mays is the probable appointee and he has received the endorsement of the members of the Board of Health. Dr. W. L. Moore is the likely successor of Sloggett as president of the board.

The reason given by Dr. Sloggett for his resignation is press of business. The remaining members of the Board of Health have endorsed Dr. Mays for the vacancy and favor Dr. Moore for president.

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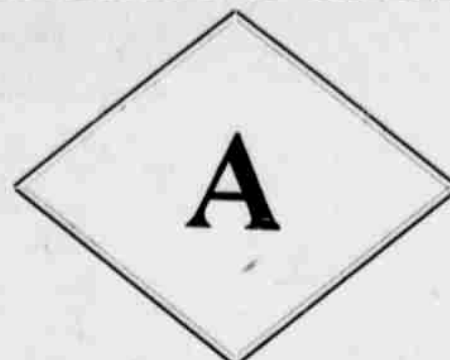
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